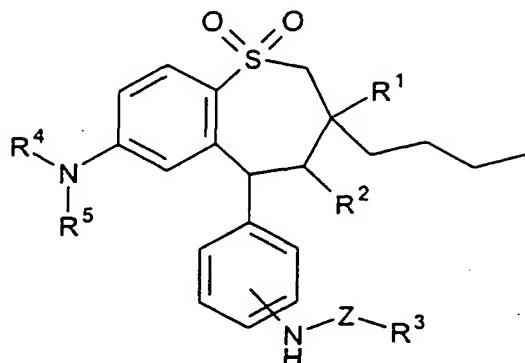


We claim:

1. A compound of formula I



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in which

10  $R^1$  is methyl, ethyl, propyl, or butyl;

$R^2$  is H, OH,  $NH_2$ , or  $NH-(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl;

15  $R^3$  is a sugar radical, a disugar radical, a trisugar radical, a tetrasugar radical, wherein said radicals are optionally mono- or polysubstituted by a sugar protective group;

$R^4$  is methyl, ethyl, propyl, or butyl;

20  $R^5$  is methyl, ethyl, propyl, or butyl;

Z is  $-(C=O)_n-(C_0-C_{16})$ -alkyl,  $-(C=O)_n-(C_0-C_{16})$ -alkyl-NH-,  
 $-(C=O)_n-(C_0-C_{16})$ -alkyl-O-,  $-(C=O)_n-(C_1-C_{16})$ -alkyl-(C=O)<sub>m</sub>, or a covalent bond;

25 n is 0 or 1;

m is 0 or 1;  
5 or a pharmaceutically tolerable salt thereof, or a physiologically functional derivative thereof.

2. The compound of formula I as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

10 R<sup>1</sup> is ethyl, propyl, or butyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is H, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, or NH-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl;

15 R<sup>3</sup> is a sugar radical or disugar radical, wherein said radicals are optionally mono- or polysubstituted by a sugar protective group;

R<sup>4</sup> is methyl, ethyl, propyl, or butyl;

R<sup>5</sup> is methyl, ethyl, propyl, or butyl;

20 Z is -(C=O)<sub>n</sub>-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>)-alkyl-, -(C=O)<sub>n</sub>-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>)-alkyl-NH-, -(C=O)<sub>n</sub>-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>)-alkyl-O-, -(C=O)<sub>n</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>)-alkyl-(C=O)<sub>m</sub>, or a covalent bond;

n is 0 or 1;

25 m is 0 or 1;

or a pharmaceutically tolerable salt thereof.

3. The compound of formula I as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

30 R<sup>1</sup> is ethyl or butyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is OH;

R<sup>3</sup> is a sugar radical, wherein the sugar radical is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by a sugar protective group;

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R<sup>4</sup> is methyl;

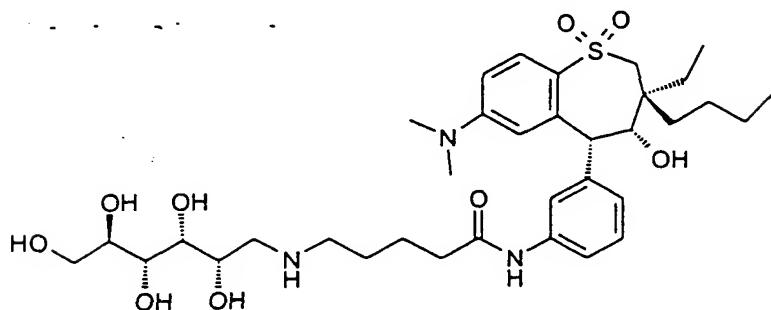
R<sup>5</sup> is methyl;

10 Z is -(C=O)-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl or a covalent bond;

or a pharmaceutically tolerable salt thereof.

4. A compound of the following structure:

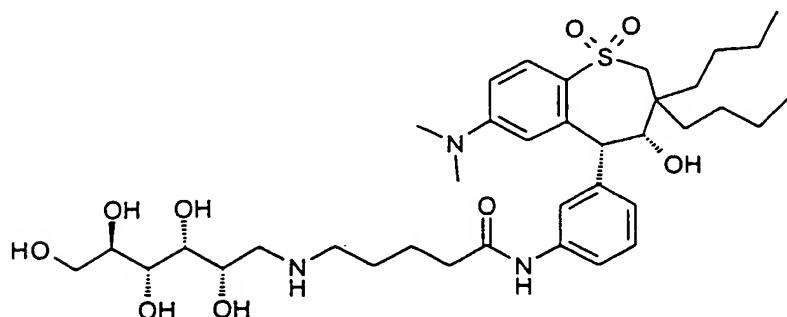
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or a pharmaceutically tolerable salt thereof.

- 20 5. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising the compound as claimed in claim 4, and  
at least one pharmacologically tolerable excipient.
6. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of a lipid metabolism disorder in a human  
or animal patient, comprising:  
25 administering to the patient in need of said prophylaxis or treatment an effective  
amount of the compound as claimed in claim 4.

7. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of gallstones in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
5 administering to the patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound as claimed in claim 4.
8. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of hyperlipidemia in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
10 administering to the patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound as claimed in claim 4.
9. A method for lowering the serum cholesterol level in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
15 administering to the patient in need of said lowering an effective amount of the compound as claimed in claim 4.
10. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of one or more arteriosclerotic symptoms in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
20 administering to the patient in need of said prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound as claimed in claim 4.
11. A compound of the following structure:

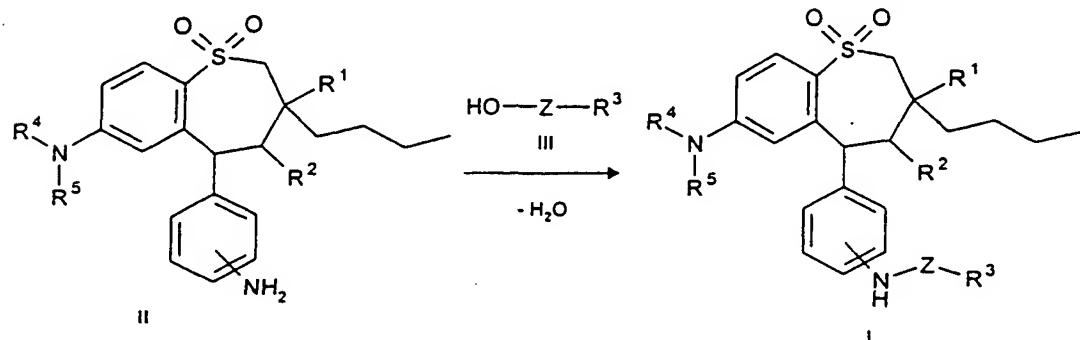


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or a pharmaceutically tolerable salt thereof.

12. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising the compound as claimed in claim 11, and at least one pharmacologically tolerable excipient.
- 5      13. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of a lipid metabolism disorder in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of said prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound as claimed in claim 11.
- 10     14. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of gallstones in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound as claimed in claim 11.
- 15     15. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of hyperlipidemia in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound as claimed in claim 11.
- 20     16. A method for lowering the serum cholesterol level in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of said lowering an effective amount of the compound as claimed in claim 11.
- 25     17. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of one or more arteriosclerotic symptoms in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of said prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound as claimed in claim 11.

18. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said process comprises reacting, according to the following equation,



5 an amine of formula II or a salt thereof, in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  have the meanings indicated for formula I, with a compound of formula III or a salt thereof, in which  $R^3$  and Z have the meanings indicated for formula I, with elimination of water to give a compound of formula I; and optionally converting the compound of formula I obtained into a physiologically tolerable salt thereof.  
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19. A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more compounds of formula I as claimed in claim 1, and at least one pharmacologically tolerable excipient.

15 20. The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 19, further comprising one or more statins.

21. A pharmaceutical composition for the prophylaxis or treatment of a lipid metabolism disorder, comprising an effective amount of one or more compounds of formula I as claimed in claim 1, and at least one pharmacologically tolerable excipient.

20 22. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of a lipid metabolism disorder in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of said prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound of formula I as claimed in claim 1.

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23. A pharmaceutical composition for the prophylaxis or treatment of gallstones, comprising an effective amount of one or more compounds of formula I as claimed in claim 1, and at least one pharmacologically tolerable excipient.
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24. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of gallstones in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound of formula I as claimed in claim 1.
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25. A pharmaceutical composition for the prophylaxis or treatment of hyperlipidemia, comprising an effective amount of one or more compounds of formula I as claimed in claim 1, and at least one pharmacologically tolerable excipient.
- 15 26. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of hyperlipidemia in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound of formula I as claimed in claim 1.
- 20 27. A pharmaceutical composition for lowering the serum cholesterol level in a human or animal patient, comprising an effective amount of one or more compounds of formula I as claimed in claim 1, and at least one pharmacologically tolerable excipient.
- 25 28. A method for lowering the serum cholesterol level in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of said lowering an effective amount of the compound of formula I as claimed in claim 1.
- 30 29. A pharmaceutical composition for the prophylaxis or treatment of one or more arteriosclerotic symptoms, comprising an effective amount of one or more

compounds of formula I as claimed in claim 1, and at least one pharmacologically tolerable excipient.

30. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of one or more arteriosclerotic symptoms  
5 in a human or animal patient, comprising:  
administering to the patient in need of said prophylaxis or treatment an effective amount of the compound of formula I as claimed in claim 1.

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